

SENATE BILL 145

By Watson

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 3;
Title 4; Title 9; Title 12, Chapter 4; Title 13; Title
41; Title 42; Title 49; Title 54; Title 55 and Title 71,
relative to federal funds.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 71, Chapter 1, Part 1, is amended by
adding the following as a new section:

71-1-124.

(a) Notwithstanding any law to the contrary, the commissioner shall submit a
report quarterly to the persons identified in subsection (c) detailing the department's
access to and use of federal funds. The report may be submitted electronically.

(b) The report must include information, in the aggregate and per program,
regarding:

(1) The amount and source of federal funds available to be spent by the
department in the current fiscal year;

(2) The amount of federal funds budgeted to be spent and expected to
be actually spent in the current fiscal year;

(3) The amount and percentage of federal funds set aside as reserve,
both cumulatively and in the current fiscal year;

(4) Whether there are restrictions or requirements under federal law on
how federal funds can be spent, and what those restrictions or requirements are;

(5) Whether there are restrictions or requirements under state law on
how federal funds can be spent, and what those restrictions or requirements are;

(6) Whether and how the restrictions or requirements described in subdivisions (b)(4)-(5) prevented the department's expenditure of federal funds; and

(7) Whether unspent federal funds available to the department carry over to the next fiscal year or are lost.

(c) Persons to whom the commissioner must submit the report include:

(1) The speakers of the house of representatives and the senate;

(2) The chief clerks of the house of representatives and the senate;

(3) The chairs of the finance, ways and means committees of the house of representatives and the senate;

(4) The executive director of the general assembly's fiscal review committee, for distribution to the members of the committee;

(5) The directors of the office of legislative budget analysis; and

(6) The legislative librarian.

(d) For purposes of this section, "program" includes programs administered by the department for adult and family services, child support, and rehabilitation services, including:

(1) The child care benefits program;

(2) The temporary cash assistance program, through the state's temporary assistance to needy families (TANF) program;

(3) The supplemental nutrition assistance program (SNAP);

(4) The child support enforcement program;

(5) Rehabilitation services; and

(6) The disability determination program.

SECTION 2. This act takes effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.